

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

July 21, 2019 Post-Pentecost 8:15 am

All members of this parish form the ministry team in witness of Christ.

Pastor Stephen Bascom & Judith Kuhn, Accompanist

GATHERING AND PRAYER OF GREETING:

God of Life, your risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. May we receive the blessing of your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly feed your sheep in the name of Christ. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace, to pray, reflect and seek God's grace.

People: Come and pray with us on a sea, on top of a hill in the Galilee, in gardens like Gethsemane.

Leader: Come today with thoughts of the countless ways that God's steadfast love blesses all our days, and join in silent praise.

People: Come and say, in words whispered from our souls, the feelings and actions we can't control, for our spirit needs to be made whole.

Leader: Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace all those who come in hope of grace.

(1997 Abingdon Press, Come Away with Me, adapted)

***HYMN:** 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' UMH Page 454

CELEBRATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER:

HOLY COMMUNION:

MESSAGE: 'The Better Thing' Joan Spitzform
Text: Luke 10:38-42 NT Page 67

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